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58th Annual Convocation of SNDT Women's University

February 7, 2009 proved to be a unique historic moment for SNDT Women's University as its 58th Annual Convocation was graced by Smt. Pratibha Devisingh Patil, President of India who consented to be the Chief Guest and deliver the Convocation Address. She was conferred on the degree of Doctor of Letters (Honoris causa) by the Chancellor, Shri S.C. Jamir who presided over the function.

The procession was led by Registrar, Dr. Madhu Madan in which apart from dignitaries such as Smt. Pratibhatai Devisingh Patil, President of India; Hon. Vice Chancellor, the Chancellor, Shri S.C. Jamir; Prof. Chandra Krishnamurthy, on. V.C.; Shri Ashok Chavan, Chief Minister, Maharashtra State; Dr. Devisingh Shekhawat, well-known educationist; Shri Chhagan Bhujbal, Deputy Chief Minister, Maharashtra State; Shri Rajesh Tope, Minister of Higher Education and Technical Education and Medical Education-Maharashtra State; Shri Suresh Shetty, Minister

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of State of Higher and Technical Education, tourism, Special Assistance, Food and Drug Administration and Parliamentary Affairs, Maharashtra State were present. Senate and Management Council members, Chairpersons of Board of Studies, Deans of different faculties followed by students who secured I class and Ph.D. students in colourful scarves made the procession colourful.

Prof. Chandra Krishnamurthy presented very impressive Annual Report, 07-08 and stated that The University has five campuses - one each in Pune, Palghar & Ahmedabad and two in Mumbai (Churchgate and Juhu). In addition to 32 University Departments and 11 constituent colleges located in the three campuses, today, the University has 242 colleges in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Assam and Harayana. During the current year we are planning to introduce Bachelor of Fashion Design, Interior Design, B.Sc. (Clinical Laboratory Science), and diploma in Actuarial Sciences. Our territory has extended to Rajasthan and Goa also. In her acceptance of D. Lit. Speech and message to students, Madam President of India, Pratibha Devisingh Patil said that educated women can take the lead in building a compassionate society and a more tolerant world. She quoted Subramanian Bharati,

If all the trees were one tree, what a great tree it would be;

If all rivers were one river, what a great river it would be; and I always feel

If all women in the world speak in one voice, what a great voice it will be to bring peace, prosperity and happiness in the world.

I sincerely hope that the education you have received in this great institution will help you in your sojourn. I hope it will make you productive and responsible citizens of India. I wish you all the best and follow the footsteps of our honorable president of India”.

Dr. Madhu Madan announced the names of faculties that were awarded degrees and Diplomas to students by the chancellor and prize winning students were given mementoes and certificates by the President of India.

Number of Degrees Awarded at the 58th Annual Convocation on 7-2-09

Faulty of Arts, Social Sciences and fine Arts	4395
Faulty of Commerce	1703
Faculty of Library Science	29
Faulty of Education	11079
Faulty of Management Science	218
Faulty of Home Science	1334
Faculty of Medical Science	90
Faculty of Science	173
Faulty of Nursing	206
Faulty of Library & Information Science	32
Faculty of Technology	933
Faculty of social Work	23
Faculty of Law	15
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The Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy Inaugurated at SNDT University



The UGC Sponsored Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy was inaugurated by Chief Guest Mr. Suresh Shetty, Hon'ble Minister of State for Higher and Technical Education, Tourism, Special Assistance & Parliamentary Affairs on February 20, 2009. The overall aim of the Centre will be to study the various aspects of social exclusion, create awareness about the same in the communities as well as create a cadre of scholars and activists in the area of social exclusion. The Centre will also build partnerships with community organizations engaged in combating social exclusion and offer courses in the field of Social Exclusion Studies.

Prof. Chandra Krishnamurthy, Hon. Vice- Chancellor presided over the function. Seen in the picture are Dr. S. S. Mantha, Pro Vice- Chancellor, Dr. Madhu Madan, Registrar, Dr. Madhuri Chheda, Director, BCUD and Dr. Chandrakant Puri, Hon. Coordinator of the Centre along with other guests.

NATIONAL SEMINAR ON EXCLUSION OF TRIBAL COMMUNITIES IN INDIA : STRATEGIES TOWARDS INCLUSIVE POLICY



Newly established Centre For Study Of Social Exclusion & Inclusive Policy, SNDT Women's University, Juhu Campus, organized a two day National Seminar on EXCLUSION OF TRIBAL COMMUNITIES IN INDIA : STRATEGIES TOWARDS INCLUSIVE POLICY' on March 24-25,2009.

The Seminar was inaugurated by Shri Gopi Menon, Head, UNICEF, Maharashtra and presided over by Hon. Vice- Chancellor, Prof. Chandra Krishnamurthy. The chief guest for the Valedictory session was Mr. Chandrakant Jadhav, the young tribal activist from primitive tribal Community –Katkari, working in Ratnagiri district.

The Seminar was organized by Dr. Chandrakant Puri, Hon. Coordinator of the Centre. 100 participants across 6 states attended the seminar and presented the research papers. On this occasion, an Abstract book edited by Dr. Puri was released by Hon. Vice – Chancellor.



Prize winners of Avishkar 2008-09 for Anveshan 2009 held in Amaravati:



- Mrs. Sumedha Nadkar Agriculture
- Miss Urmila Vachani Agriculture Dr. Amrita Bajaj
- Miss Yogini Jaiswal Basic Sciences Dr. Pratima Tatke
- Miss Hemalata Patil Engineering & Technology
- Miss Pallavi Pople Health Sciences & Allied subjects, Pharmacy,
Nutrition etc Dr. K. K. Singh

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Prize winners of Anveshan 09 National at Kolkata

Great News!!!

Congrats to the Students of C.U. Shah College of Pharmacy, Ms. Yogini Jaiswal & Ms. Urmila Vachani who won PRIZES at National Level Research Competition- Anveshan, 09 held at Kolkata.

Yogini Jaiswal : II Prize: Trophy and Rs. 75000/- in Basic Science

Urmila Vachani : II Prize: Trophy and Rs. 75000/- Agriculture



Events

- National Council of Educational Research and Training, New Delhi & Maniben Nanavati Women's College, Vile Parle (W) organised Savitribai Phule Memorial Lecture under Memorial Lecture Series by Dr. T. Sundararaman, Executive Director National Health Systems Resource Centre, New Delhi on Educational Institute as a Health Centre. Dr (Mrs.) Vibhuti Patel, Prof. & Head, Director PGSR, SNDT Women's University chaired the event and Dr. Harshada Rathod, Principal of the college presided over the function followed by film screening and discussion on Savitribai Phule 12th December 2008.
- Ms. Chaitra Redkar, Head, PG Department of Political Science organised the Round Table Conference to commemorate 60th year of Universal Declaration of human rights, 1948 (UDHR) in collaboration with Mumbai Initiative of Human rights Education on 19-12-08 in which crucial concerns in human rights such as Dignity and Justice for All, Gender Justice, Rights of minorities, Torture as Violation of Human rights, Economic and Social Rights, UDHR and Judiciary, The Claims of culture and religion were discussed.
- Dr. V. B. Tayde gave Marathi Arthashastra Parishad's Endowment lecture on Financial Crisis- Consequences and Alternatives by Marathi Arthashastra Parishad on 7-1-09 organised by the P.G. Department of Economics, SNDT women's University, Mumbai.
- On 14-1-09, P.G. Department of Marathi's Dr. Shashikant Lokahnde and Mr. Dinesh Kamble of Bahujan Samaj Prabodhini organised a National Seminar on Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's Movement and Marathi Literature. Dr. Janardan Waghmare, Ex. Vice Chancellor of Ramirth Marathweada University, Nanded presided over the function. Prof. Chandra Krishnamurthy, Hon. V.C. of SNDT Women's University gave an Inaugural address. Dr. Yashwant Manohar, a noted Marathi poet gave a keynote address.
- P.G. Department of Gujarati of SNDT Women's University in collaboration with Birmingham College, Birmingham and Nirman Foundation organised an International Dialogue on "Diaspora and Culture" on 20-1-09 in Mumbai. Lord Bhikhubhai Parekh, UK gave a thought provoking key note address and deconstructed diasporization process. Globally recognized poet and literateur Jagdishbahi Dave, UK was awarded a life time achievement award. Dr. Nootan Jani presented paper on partition diaspora. Renowned feminist poetess from Philadelphia, USA recited feminist poems. The Department in collaboration with Western Regional Language Centre, Pune arranged 2 day National Seminar on "SAMUHAMSADHYAM BHASHA" on 22 & 23 Jan 09. Dr. Nutan Jani, Dr. Naleeni Madgaonkar, Dr. Madhuri Chheda, Dr. Balwant Jani, Dr. Kalika Mehta, Dr. Jagdish Dave and Smt. Darshana Ojha were the resource persons.
- SNDT Women's University Library and NCERT organised Savitribai Phule Memorial lecture on 29-1-09 by a well-known feminist scholar Prof. Dr. Sharmila Rege on "Education a Tiritiya Ratna-towards Phule Ambedkar Feminist Pedagogies". Dr. Sushama Powdwal gave introductory remarks. Presidential address was given by Prof. Dr. Chandra Krishnamurthy, Hon. Vice Chancellor and Prof. Dr. Vibhuti Patel facilitated the discussion.
- Centre for Canadian Studies and Post Graduate Department of Political Science organized lecture on "Divergence, Convergence and North American Policy: Managing Diversity" on 13-2-08 by Prof. Denial Drache, Director of the Robarts Centre for Canadian Studies and Professor of Political Science at York University and Editor of The New Practical Guide to Canadian Political Economy. His forceful presentation was followed by an animated discussion.
- SNDT-PGSR, NSS, Vacha and Population first jointly commemorated International Women's Day on 6th March, 08 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.



Students from Churchgate Campus enthusiastically participated in a film show of 5 short films (5 minutes each) on girl child made by the Vacha members followed by animated discussion. Population first had organised 6 rounds of Quiz on Girl Child conducted by Quiz Master Quinnie Dhody, famous media personality. On this occasion Prof. Chandra Krishnamurthy distributed the prizes and gave an inspiring speech. Madam V.C., Ms. Sonal Shukla, Director of Vacha, Mr. Bobby Sista and Dr. Sharada, Directors, Population First, Ms. Quinnie Dhody and Chondita Mukherjee, director of COMET Media and mentor of the film makers of VACHA were felicitated by Prof. Vibhuti Patel.

- SNDT-PGSR and NSS felicitated veteran Gandhian Shri. Subbarao on 5-11-08 at Patkar Hall, SNDT women's University, Mumbai.

- Department of History S. N. D. T. Women's University, Mumbai organised a memorable Annual Seminar on "Looking at History through the Window of Art" and Smt. Shanta Gambhir Memorial Lecture on 4th March and Thursday 5th March 2009 at Churchgate Campus, Mumbai. Guest of Honour: Dr. K. K. Maheshwari, Industrialist & a Research Scholar in Numismatic Studies and Keynote Speaker: Dr. Sabyasachi Mukherjee, Director, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya of Western India and Chief Guest: Dr. Vibhuti Patel, Director, PGSR. Prof. Dr. Varsha Shirgaonkar, Head of the history Department honoured Dr. Maheshwari for his commitment to Museology.



Scholars and presentations were Dilnavaz Mehta: Ethnology, Culture and History as Visually Documented in the Paintings of Indian artists (18th & 19th Centuries), Ashutosh Apte: Origin and Development of J. J. School of Art and Architecture, Dr. Riza Abbas: Cultural Development of Mankind as reflected in Rock Art of India, Neelambari Jagtap: Reviewing Art and Miniature paintings in Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University Museum, Nayana Tadvalkar: Socio- Cultural Aspects of Rangoli, Ms. Aditi Abhyankar: History of Khayal Gayaki in the Hindustani Classical Music, Ms. Medha Divekar: History of Kathak Dance Form, Dr. Asha Mandape: Violin in the History of Indian Music.

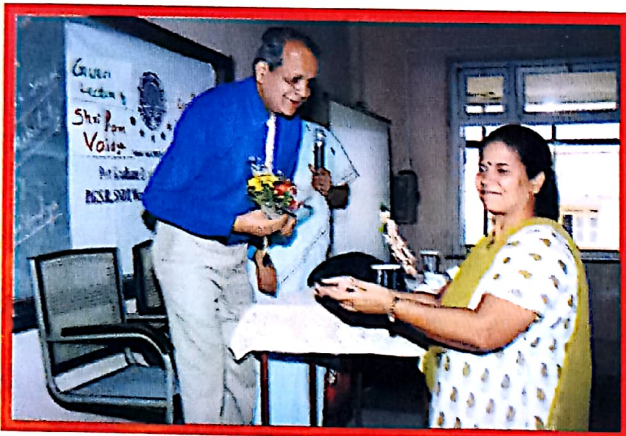
- The Department of Commerce, S.N.D.T. Women's University organized One Day National Seminar on "Empowering Urban Poor Consumers" on 30th March 2009 at the Churchgate Campus. The Seminar was inaugurated by eminent consumer activist Dr. Dilip Phadke from Nashik and key speaker was Dr. Vibhuti Patel. There were thirty four research papers received from all over the country. The other resource persons were from Mumbai Grahak Panchayat such as Dr. R. J. Gujarati, Mrs. Vanamala Manjure, etc. The National Seminar was sponsored by U. G. C.

NSS News

- ❖ On 16-2-09, Dr. Gopal Ji, NSS Deputy Programme Advisor, GOI, Ministry of Youth Affairs visited NSS unit of our university and interacted with NSS coordinator our university, Prof. Jayashree Vora and team.
- ❖ Miss Madhavi Balkrishna Gore from M.D. Shah College for women received State Level Best Volunteer Award for 2008-09.
- ❖ Times Centre for Youth Development Research and NSS were visited by Dr. Cristal de Saldanha Stainbank (Head of Programme), Sue Walker (Regional Director) and Becky Hirt (Head of Communication) of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association on 27-4-09. They had detailed discussion with NSS Programme officers.
- ❖ Students from SNDT College of Arts and Commerce, Pune participated in State Level NSS Cultural festival "Utkarsh" and all 14 received awards. Sonali Dhavale, Bhagyashree Athlye, Komal Bhujbal, Neha Joshi, Kanchan Salunkhe and Sona Tayde received I prize for group song. Namrata Phalke and Saroja Murkute got I prize for essay. Namrata Phalke and Shweta Pawar received I prize in elocution. Gauri Lavre, Nikita Shah, Snehal Dhumal and Bhavna Adapure received I prize in Drama Competition.



Veteran Gandhian Subbarao Felicitated by NSS PGSR



Shri Ram Joshi from CII & Johnson and Johnson Ltd. felicitated by Dr. Ruby Ojha' P. G. Dept. of Economics



Kavi Sammelan by PGSR



Students at Kavi Sammelan



National Seminar by P. G. Dept. of Commerce

Worthy News

- Prof. Chandra Krishnamurthy, Hon. Vice Chancellor of SNDT Women's University, Mumbai was felicitated and awarded at 23rd World Congress of Science and Spirituality held at Russian Cultural Centre, Mumbai on 17-1-09.
- Prof. H. L. Kaila, Head, Department of Psychology edited the *Journal of Psychosocial Research*, Vol. 4, No. 1, January-June 2009 Issue, Published by MD Publications Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi.
- Prof. Dr. Varsha Shirgaonkar was appointed on the Governing Council of Indian Numismatic, Cultural and Historical Research Foundation, a Nasik- based International Institute of industrialist of repute Dr. K. K. Maheshwari with head- office at Mumbai, on the two committees of the Asiatic Society, Mumbai- a) Pre-Modern Book Selection Committee b) P. V. Kane Research Institute And invited as Chairperson of Inaugural Session at a National Seminar on Maratha Historiography at Abasaheb Garware College, Pune (29th- 31 January 2009)
- Prof. Dr. T. J. Mathew ran Mumbai Marathon on 18th Jan 2009 to raise Pledges for CHILDLINE India Foundation, India's first and largest 24 hour, free, emergency phone outreach service for children in need of care and protection. It is his tribute to SNDT Women's University where he completed twenty five years on 10th April 2009. It symbolised enthusiasm of the students of 'SNDT ACM Students' Chapter' which is also completing ten years in Feb 2009 of which he is the Chapter sponsor.
- Prof. Vibhuti Patel edited the special number on Women for *Bharatiya Samajik Chintan*, March 2009 Indian Academy of social Sciences, Kolkata and edited volume *Discourse on women and Empowerment*, The Women Press, Delhi which was released on 17-3-09 at Bangalore by Dr. C. P. Sujaya at a function organised by Sakti, Bangalore. Dr. Patel was also on the panel discussion on Sexual Harassment at workplace organised by Indian Merchant Chambers, Mumbai on 17-1-09.
- Shri Giridhar Gajabe, Assistant Registrar of SNDT women's University, Mumbai got published an authored book-cum- compilation titled " Move forward for honest implementation of RESERVATION POLICY for Services and Admission in the Universities and Colleges in the State of Maharashtra" by "Saviro Prakashan Gruha", Dist: Thane on November 21, 2008. The book contains information on existing Reservation Policy for Services and Admission in the Universities and Colleges in the State of Maharashtra, ways and means of non execution from administrative point of view. The responsibilities as representative and as an individual for extending the honest implementation of reservation policy. A book carries the compilation of list of reserved categories and various important Acts and Provisions. It also gives the guidelines of admissions to the Jr./Sr. Colleges in the State of Maharashtra.
- P.G. Department of Gujarati completed Chirpartikshita 2009 UGC Minor research project supported by UGC and published three books: 1. Samvad(Bhartiya lekhikani vatao) 2009, 2. Madhyayugin Bharatiya Kavita (Tamil-kannad-guj.) 2009 and 3. Vibodh (criticism) 2009.
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- Dr. Mrs. Rajani B. Athawale was awarded 2nd prize for oral presentation on, in the **Second International Annual conference on "Drug Discovery and Development South Asian Perspective"** organized by South Asian Chapter of American College of Clinical Pharmacology held on 4th and 5th October, 2008.(Mumbai) for her **Research work on**, "Development and evaluation of cosmeceutical liposomal formulation". She was invited as a resource person by Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nashik & University of Mumbai to Delivery lectures on- 1. Ayurvedic Extraction Processes 2. Nanocarriers for Herbal medicines for Certificate course on Ayurvedic Drug Standardization, held between 5th -10th April, at Health Centre, University of Mumbai.
- Rajani Athawale, Shilpa Shahi, Sonali Ghadge, "Skin Health-Aging- Wrinkles and Remedies." **International Journal of applied Science** (SOFW Journal), English Edition, 2-16, 5-2008 and their paper entitled "Skin rejuvenating peptide and vitamin based nanolipogel" has been accepted in International journal Current Aging Science.

- Dr. Prabha Ravishankar, Reader, P.G. Department of History, obtained Senior Research Fellowship (Contingency Grant) for two years from the Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi in August 2008. Her paper entitled 'Frederick Coleridge Mackarness (1854-1920): Indian Civil Rights Committee(1908) and his Proscribed Pamphlet 'The Methods of Indian Police in the Twentieth Century' was published in the *Proceedings of the Sixty Eighth Session of the Indian History Congress* held in the year 2007 at the University of Delhi. She presented a paper at the annual session of the Indian History Congress held at the Kannur University, Kerala, December 2008. She was invited as a resource speaker and delivered a lecture on 'Moral and Ethical Aspects of History Writing' at a National Conference on 'Humanities and Social Sciences- Challenges in the Era of Globalization' at Madras Women's Christian College, Nungampakam, Chennai, 12-13th March 2009.
- **Dr. (Mrs) Amrita Bajaj** was granted patent entitled "Controlled Porosity Osmotic Pump based Drug Delivery systems" in collaboration with Sekhsaria Chemicals Ltd. (Reg.: Patent No.226882 Granted on 30/12/2008). She received three awards at DIA 2nd Indian Annual Regulatory Conference of "Access to medicines: Regulatory and Public Health Interface. Silver Medal-2nd prize for the poster paper entitled "Patent and Regulatory aspects of Nanopharmaceutical drug delivery systems". Bronze Medal-3rd prize for the poster paper entitled "Thermo-triggered mucoadhesive intranasal nanocarrier for brain targeting of Rizatriptan". Overall Trophy for the Best Pharmaceutical Research Institution to Dr. Amrita Bajaj, C.U.Shah College of Pharmacy.
- Dr. (Mrs.)Kamalinder K. Singh, Professor of Pharmaceutics, C.U.Shah College of Pharmacy has been Invited as Member on International Steering Committee for "Handbook of Pharmaceutical Excipients", a joint publication by the prestigious American Pharmaceutical Association and Pharmaceutical Press, Publication Division of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain for sixth edition to be published in 2009. She is the first Academician to represent India on this committee. She was invited as Speaker at First Indo-Japanese International Joint Symposium on Overcoming Intractable Infectious Diseases at Tokyo, Japan held on 6-7th November, 2007. She presented a talk on 'Targeted Nanocarriers for Antimalarial chemotherapy.' She also chaired one of the sessions in the above symposium. Association of Pharmaceutical Teachers of India gave citation to Prof. Kamalinder K. Singh for her outstanding research work.
- High Powered delegation of academicians from Ministry of Higher Education, Malaysia visited SNDT women's university on 22-5-09 with 5 objectives: Recruitment of students, collaboration between 19 Malaysian Universities with our University, student exchange programmes where Malaysian university can be a transit point for further studies, exchange of staff and teachers between the two and collaborative research.
- On 25th March, PGSR organised Kavi Sammelan at the Churchgate Campus in which noted poets and poetesses, students, staff and teachers of SNDT women's University enthusiastically recited their poems in Marathi, Gujarati, Hindi, Urdu and English.
- On 23rd March, 09 the Post Graduate Dept. of Economics organised Mr. Satyanarayan Kothe's lecture on "Preparation for Appearing for NET SET Exams" and on 24th March, 09, also organised lecture on Corporate Social Responsibility by Mr. Ram Joshi. Ms. Poonam Sah of Confederation of Indian Industries presided over the function.
- **Prof. Namrata R Ganneri** from Department of History, SNDT College of Arts & SCB College of Commerce and Science, Churchgate, Mumbai-400 020 presented a research paper "Matrushakti/ 'Streeshakti' on representations of women of the Rashtra Sevika Samiti" at International Conference on Hindu Nationalist Organisations in Social and Political Context organized by Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in collaboration with Arts and Humanities Research Council, United Kingdom on 19th and 20th November, 2008. She presented a research paper "Caste and Hindu Nationalism" at a National Seminar on Many Histories organized by the Post Graduate Department of History Tilak Maharashtra University, Pune on 21st March, 2009. As NSS PO, she scripted and directed a street play in Hindi 'socho kuch upaay' on energy conservation. It was performed on Republic Day, 26th January, 2009 at the Churchgate Campus of SNDT Women's University. The same play won the second prize at an inter collegiate street play competition organized by Maniben Nanavati College on 18th December, 2008.
- The Maharashtra State Commerce Association presented "Dr. P. C. Sejawalkar and Mahadeorao Talhar" Best Teacher Award to Dr. G. Y. Shitole of Department of Commerce. The award was presented at "Maharashtra State Commerce Conference" on 24th April 2009. The award is given to a teacher for outstanding

contribution to Commerce and Management Education in Maharashtra. The award was given at the hands of Dr. D. Y. Patil and Dr. Bhalchandra Munagekar.

- Dr. Madhuri Ludbe got Published- 1) "Educational Administration" Book published by Symbiosis Centre for Distance Learning Pune.2) "Primary Education: Current Status, Issues and Solutions." Book published by Nirali Prakashan, Textbook for D.Ed. English Medium. She received Awards 1) "Jewel of India" by Indian solidarity Council, Delhi. For high repute and outstanding achievement in respective field.2006 2) "Jem of India" by All India Achievers' Conference, New Delhi.2008. She was selected for following Awards-1) "Rajiv Gandhi Shiromani Award" 2) Eminent Citizen of India Award" 3) The Pride of India Award" for her research- 1) Action Research Assigned by DIET Pune. "Impact of Vocational Training Given to the Girls of Higher primary Schools" 2009.
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 3. Overall Trophy for the Best Pharmaceutical Research Institution to Dr. Amrita Bajaj, C.U.Shah college of Pharmacy. She was awarded 1st prize in oral presentation for the paper entitled Colocure: Design and evaluation of colon targeted pulsincap drug delivery of curcumin at **Avishkar-State Level Inter-University Research Competition** held at Amravati, Maharashtra, India, 2008 and was also awarded best oral presentation for the paper entitled Colocure: Design and evaluation of colon targeted pulsincap drug delivery of curcumin at **Anveshan-Zonal Level Inter-University Research Competition** held at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, India, 2008 as well as 1st prize in oral presentation for the paper entitled Colon targeted particulate drug delivery system for 5-amino salicylic acid at the **2nd International Annual conference on Drug Discovery and Development South Asian Perspective** organized by South Asian Chapter of American College of Clinical Pharmacology held on 4th and 5th October, 2008.(Mumbai). She was awarded 2nd prize in oral presentation for the paper entitled Development of nanoliposomes for targeted dermal delivery of prednicarbate for the treatment of psoriasis at the **2nd International Annual conference on Drug Discovery and Development South Asian Perspective** organized by South Asian Chapter of American College of Clinical Pharmacology held on 4th and 5th October, 2008.(Mumbai). and was also awarded second best poster award for the paper entitled Intranasal delivery of Rizatriptan nanoemulsion for nose to brain targeting at the **2nd International Annual conference on Drug Discovery and Development South Asian Perspective** organized by South Asian Chapter of American College of Clinical Pharmacology held on 4th and 5th October, 2008.(Mumbai).

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During this period various types of competitions were organized like **Quiz, Essay writing, Extempore speech, Physical fitness test, Group Discussion and Open interview**. The contestants underwent these tests and were qualified for the final round on 15th January. These competitions were judged by eminent judges.

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In the 1st round all the contestants introduced themselves to the audience.

Final round selected 20 contestants were given situational questions to test their thinking ability and are eliminated accordingly

Third round was a talent round for 15 selected contestants to test their talents based on performances.

Fourth round the Judges question round for 5 students

Fifth round a common question was given and the contestants have to write and read the answers one by one.

Finally Tejaswini, 1st Runner up & Final Runner up are selected and crowned.

The Valedictory function was held on 15th Jan., 2009 at 3.30 p.m. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Chandra Krishnamurthy preside over the function. Dr.S.S. Mantha, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Dr.Madhuri Chheda, Director, B.C.U.D.,

Dr Madhu Madan, Registrar and Smt.Nilufer Ahmed, Dean Were present on the Dias during the function.

The Eminent Judges were :-

Mr. Vinayak Dalvie	Former Jt. Secretary, Rajbhavan
Mrs. Sunita Makhija	Director, Schnell Hans, Chain of Beauty Schools
Ms. Vijayanti Apte	Broadcasting Live India
Mrs. Geeta Radakrishna	Dancer, Mohinattam
Mrs. Neeha Asaikar Rane	Hockey champion played in Olympics

WINNERS OF TEJASWINI 2008-09 (Best Student of the year)

Tejaswini 2009	- Shreeya P.Rege S.N.D.T. College of H.Sc.,Pune
1 st Runner Up	- Rishita M.Panchal- U.M.I.T.,Juhu
2 nd Runner Up	- Tilottama M.Patil- K.B.Joshi Institute of I.T. ,Pune)

This year the Department of Students' Welfare has given 7 special prizes for the following:

1	BEST ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE	- MS. MANSI D.ZANGDA, DR.B.M.NANAVATI, MATUNGA
2	BEST IN PHYSICAL FITNESS	- MS. URMI CHATTERJI, UMIT, JUHU
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6	BEST IN EXTEMPORE SPEECH	- MS. MEGHANA NAIR, DR. B. M. NANAVATI, MATUNGA
7	TALENT ROUND	

The winners were presented with Bouquets, Sashes, Trophies & Cash Prizes from the Department of Students' Welfare.

Workshop on Exam Anxiety Reduction

As per the instruction of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, the Department of Students' Welfare has organized a one day workshop on "Exam Anxiety Reduction" at Pune Campus for Pune Colleges on 29th January, 2009 and for Mumbai Colleges the workshop was held on 2nd February, 2009 at Patkar Hall, Churchgate Campus.

Approximately 500 students benefitted by this workshop from each campus.

The below given topics were discussed.

Introductory section	- Mrs. Nilufer K. Ahmed Dean of Students
Examination and concerned issues	- Dr. S.S. Mantha Pro-Vice-Chancellor
Malpractices during Examination	- Dr. Bhanupratap Singh, Asst. Director, Dept.of Continuing Eduon
Mr. Jadhav	- Controller of Exam
Prof.Reeta Sonawat &	- Exam stress and to cope up the anxiety

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Ms. Jyotsana Sanjanwala, Senior Research Assistant, Research Centre for Womens Studies;

Mrs. Aparna Maluste, Sr. Clerk, University Department

Shri V. N. Londhe, Laboratory Attendant, College of education retired during the 1st half of the academic year 2009.

Mr. N.G. Bargode, Peon, the University Library;

SNDT family offers best wishes to them for their future sojourn.

BEST TEACHER AWARD TO Dr. SHITOLE

The Maharashtra State Commerce Association presented Dr. P. C. Sejawalkar and Mahadeorao Talhar Best Teacher Award to

Dr. G. Y. Shitole of Department of Commerce. The award was presented at Maharashtra State Commerce Conference on 24th April 2009. The award is given to a teacher for outstanding contribution to Commerce and Management Education in Maharashtra. The award was given at the hands of Dr. D. Y. Patil and Dr. Bhalchandra Munagekar.



OBITUARY

Chandra Ganesh the founding editor of SNDT Newline and NSS Coordinator passed away on 9th January, 2009. She was excellent at organising mega events and very popular among students of NSS as her persona had a beautiful combination of head and heart. As a colleague and coworker she looked after minutest details about wellbeing of all impartially. We will cherish a fond memory of her affectionate and caring personality and her complete dedication to SNDT women's University, Mumbai. She kept NSS Programme Officers busy with challenging tasks and assignments throughout the year.



SNDT family mourns sudden demise of their colleagues,
Shri Sonu Gawade, University Department on 10-4-09 and
Shri Shahu Kadam, Department of Special Education on 22-5-09.



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Congratulations Madam VC "We are with you"....."We are behind you".....

Prof. Chandra Krishnamurthy, our beloved Vice Chancellor Madam was felicitated for being appointed as an ACTING VICE CHANCELLOR of University of Mumbai from 27-9-09 for six months by His Excellency, the Governor of Maharashtra. The felicitation functions were held at the Mini Auditorium of Juhu Campus on 22-9-09 and Wednesday at Patkar Hall of Churchgate Campus SNDT Women's University, Mumbai on 23-9-09. All members of SNDT Family congratulated Madam VC, offered floral tributes and best wishes, in an emotionally charged and spontaneously organized functions by Campus in-charge, Dr. Chandrakant Puri and Dr. Vibhuti Patel in consultation with registrar, Dr. Madhu Madan who was requested to offer shawl, shreefal (coconut), souvenir and saplings to Hon. VC on behalf of SNDT parivar. Extempore speeches by the principals, teachers and non-teaching staff and their union leaders conveyed their reverence, respect and real feelings for Hon. VC madam. The atmosphere was filled with fragrance and colours of flowers and positive wibes.

Newsline Committee : Chairperson : Dr. Chandra Krishnamurthy, Convener : Dr. Madhu Madan
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UGC Team Visit for Review of 10th Plan Period & Requirement for the 11th Plan Period

The Expert Committee constituted by UGC to assess the performance of the University in X Plan and to evaluate their requirements for the XI plan, visited the University Campus on 25th, 26th and 27th February, 2009. Hon. Vice Chancellor Prof. Chandra Krishnamurthy gave warm welcome to the committee in Juhu and Churchgate Campuses. Prof. S.S. Mantha, Pro Vice Chancellor welcomed the committee members at the Pune Campus. Prof. K Ramamurthy Naidu was the Convenor and (Dr.Gurbaksh Singh was Member Secretary and Dr. Mrs. Shashi Raj, Prof. Mrs. Poonam Dhawan, Prof. Mrs. Indrani Chakravarti, Prof. P. R. Wilson and Prof. Mushahid Hussain were members of the Committee. The Committee greatly acknowledged the cooperation extended by the Vice-Chancellor, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, Heads of the Departments, Directors, Faculty Members and Students of SNDT University during the visit of the Committee. The Committee wished the SNDT University to continue and keep up the contribution made towards Research by the various departments and methods adopted to ensure quality education to new height during XI five year plan period by improving the quality of higher education in teaching learning programmes and research.



Events

- On 6-7-09, SNDT Women's University celebrated Foundation Day by organising Workshop on "Service Book and Post Retirement Benefits" for all teaching and non-teaching staff of the University and also giving them Thanksgiving Lunch. The programme began with garlanding of statues of Maharshi Karve, Sir Vittalidas Thakersey, Lady Thakersey, Shivaji Maharaj, Goddess Saraswati and Saibaba by Hon. Vice Chancellor. Lighting of lamp was done by Madam Vice Chancellor Prof. Chandra Krishnamurthy, Registrar Dr. Madhu Madan, Director, BCUD Prof. Madhuri Chheda, Principal of PVDT College of Education Dr. Harsha Merchant and Mr. Kishan Kolge, senior clerk of Salary, Pension, Provident Fund (SPS) Unit and President of Samyukta Kruti Samiti of our university. Madam Vice Chancellor felicitated the resource person of the interactive workshop, Shri. Vasant Chaudhary Retired Deputy Secretary, Government of Maharashtra. Shri. Vasant Chaudhary, had also worked as OSD for University of Mumbai and currently conducts workshops for the state government institutions on how to ensure smooth administration. Shri Vasant Chaudhary gave detailed understanding with relevant examples and answered the queries of the teaching and non-teaching staff on various provisions in Standard Code.1984; Rules concerning Service Book, 1991; The Sixth Pay Commission's Recommendations.



- Memorial Meeting for Dr. Neera Desai (Founding director of PGSR, RCWS & Rural Development department of our university and who was nominated for 1000 Women for the Nobel Peace Prize) was organised by Research Centre for Women's Studies on 29-6-09. It was attended by teachers, staff, members of Senate, Management Council, Academic Council, the Ex. Vice Chancellor Prof. Rupa Shah, Principals of affiliated colleges of SNDT Women's University. Scholars from University of Mumbai and Tata Institute of social Sciences and women's rights activists participated in the meeting. Prof. Veena Poonacha, Dr. Divya Pande, Prof. Vibhuti Patel and Prof. T. J. Mathew from our University shared their experiences at personal and academic levels that brought out intellectual contribution and human essence of her unassuming persona. Prof. Rupa Shah described her affectionately as "Mother Goddess of women's studies" in India. Prof. Indra Munshi of University of Mumbai and Prof. Lakshmi Lingam shared that Dr. Neera Desai had a beautiful mind, positive attitude towards life and good sense of humour. Sonal Shukla, Director Vacha and Adv. Flavia Agnes highlighted her contribution in building confidence of women activists and her unflinching faith in convergence of women's studies and women's movement.



- Memorial meeting for Mr. K. R. Sawant who worked at Establishment/fiancé & Accounts office and passed away on 12-12-08 due to brain haemorrhage was attended by the employees of our university. He was a chief patron of the SNDT Women's University Non-teaching Employees Union and Secretary of Maharashtra University Employees Federation. For many years he provided valuable service as the secretary of the union. He studied each and every implication of employee's demands. E.g. Pensions to the employees from unaided departments, Overtime payments, Provident Fund, etc. He was hard working, cooperative and down to earth.
- The Department of Adult, Continuing and Extension Education has instituted 'Monday Seminar Series' from this year. In this connection, film screening of the film Hajaron Khwahishen Aisi was organised followed by discussion on the 13th of July, 2009, from 2 pm to 5 pm, in room no. 7, I Floor, Patkar Hall Building, SNDT Women's University, Mumbai-20. Over 100 teachers and students from the Churchgate campus actively took part in the same.
- The Foundation Day Programme of Jankidevi Bajaj Institute of Management Studies, SNDT Women's University, was held on Friday, 11th Sept. 2009, at the Mini Auditorium, Juhu Campus. Mr.Arun Balakrishnan, CMD of HPCL was the Chief Guest and Honorable Vice-Chancellor Madam, Prof. Chandra Krishnamurthy, presided over the function. The institute's journal, JDBIMS Management Review (ISSN-0974-4940), was released by the Chief Guest and the Vice-Chancellor

- On 14-7-09, Research Centre for Women's Studies organised an interface with a delegation of University of South Australia composed of Prof. Anna Ciccarelli, Pro vice Chancellor and Vice President International & Development Unit; Prof. Pal Ahluvalia, Pro Vice Chancellor and Vice President, Division of Education, Arts and Social Sciences and Director of Centre for Post Colonial Studies and Prof. Adrian Vicary, Department of Psychology, Social Work and Social Policy. Prof. Veena Poonacha, Director Research Centre for Women's Studies, Prof Vanadana Chakravarty, Director, Adult, Continuing and Extension Education, Prof Vibhuti Patel, Director, PGSR, Dr. Harsha Merchant, Principal, PVDT College of Education; Prof Preeti Verma, Director, Centre for Special Education and Dr. Jayashree Shinde, Director, Centre for Education Technology participated in the discussion on potential for collaboration with the University of South Australia

- On 24th July 2009, Friday at 6:45pm at Juhu Campus The Law School of SNDT Women's University inaugurated by Chief Justice of Mumbai High Court, His Lordship Shri Swatantra Kumar in the august presence of His Lordship Justice Dhananjaya Chandrachud, Judge Bombay High Court, Prof Mool Chand Sharma, Vice Chancellor Central University of Harayana and Former Vice Chairman of UGC. Madam Vice Chancellor Prof. Chandra Krishnamurthy presided over the Function.



- On 12-8-09, PG Department of Commerce organised Workshop on Research Methodology in which Dr. Madhu Madan was the Chief Guest who released book edited by Sanjay Kaptan, G.Y. Shitole, Ram Sable and Kaustubh A. Sontakke titled "New Vistas in Commerce and Management" published by Adhyayan Publishers, Delhi. Dr. G.Y. Shitole gave an inaugural address. Dr. Kalyani Venkateshwaran gave an overview on the sessions and Prof. Vibhuti Patel highlighted significance of research in the 21st century Knowledge economy. Dr. R.D. Biradar focussed on "Emerging Areas in Research in Commerce and Management"; Dr. Saravade spoke on "Selection of Research Topics. Dr. Vilasini Patkar highlighted pleasures and rigours of research. Dr. Farooqui's presentation was on "Data Analysis and Data Presentation". Dr. Elizabeth Mathew explained how to write thesis and dissertation.



- The Research Centre for Women's Studies and Routledge, Imprint of Taylor and Francis Group released the book, Motherhood in India: Glorification without empowerment, edited by Maitreyi Krihsnaraj. The contributors to the volume are Maithreyi Krishnaraj, Sukumari Bhattacharji, Kamala Ganesh, Prabha Krishnan, Jashodhara Bagchi, C.S.Lakshmi, Shanta Gokhale, Veena Poonacha, Divya Pandey and Chitra Sinha. Held on the 15th of September at 3.30 p.m. in the Mini Auditorium, S.N.D.T University, Juhu, Mumbai, the book release was well attended by women scholars and feminists from SNDT University, Mumbai University and the Tata Institute of Social Sciences. Maithreyi Krishnaraj introduced the book and traced its genesis. The book was released by the Vice Chancellor, S.N.D.T University, Prof. Chandra Krishnamurthy. The first copy of the book was received by Prof. Jyoti Trivedi, Former Vice Chancellor of S.N.D.T University. The release was followed by a discussion on the book by Nishi Mitra, Centre for Women's Studies, T.I.S.S. Meena Gopal, RCWS, S.N.D.T University and Gita Chadha, Avabai Women's Archives, RCWS, S.N.D.T University. Dr. Veena Poonacha invited the contributors to the volume for a discussion too. The discussions raised critical issues on the notion of empowerment, articulated the need for women's own accounts of



empowerment, articulated the need for women's own accounts of motherhood and underlined the need for a wide based feminist politics that would include narratives of women who are not mothers. The book is an important addition to the discourse on motherhood and would serve as an excellent pedagogical tool for women's studies.

- The Research Centre for Women's Studies at the S N D.T Women's University inaugurated the Dr. Avabai and Dr. Bomanji Khurshedji Wadia Archives for Women (AVA) on September 18th 2009 at the Mini Auditorium, S.N. D T Women's University, Juhu. Prof. Chandra Krishnamurthy, Vice Chancellor, SNDT Women's University presided over the function. The programme began with a welcome address by Dr. Madhu Madan, Registrar, SNDT Women's University followed by a Slide Show on Dr. Avabai Wadia produced by the Family Planning Association of India. Dr. Usha Krishna, President, Family Planning Association of India released the brochure after the earthen lam was lit by Dr. R.P. Soonawala, Chairperson, Advisory Medical Panel, FPAI. This was followed by a presentation on the Avabai Archive project was made by Prof. Veena Poonacha, Director, and Research Centre for Women's Studies, SNDT Women's University. Dr. Usha Krishna and Dr. R.P Soonawala then remembered Dr. Avabai Wadia. Ms. Janai Banaji, the trustee member of the Avabai Wadia trust handed over Avabai Wadia's Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan medals to the RCWS. The honorable Vice Chancellor, Dr. Chandra Krishnamurthy delivered her presidential address to the distinguished audience. The audience was then invited to light earthen lamps and share a cup of tea. The function ended with a Rangritya performance 'Ayoni' by Rajashree Shirke and her group, Lasya Dr. Gita Chadha, Project Coordinator, AWA, RCWS, SNDT Women's University proposed the formal vote of thanks for the evening.
- Post Graduate Department of Psychology in association with Mumbai district Aids Control society organised 12 days ICTC counsellor's training programme from 7th Sept. 09 to 18th Sept. 09 for 20 participants. The Seventh Intensive Training Programme, coordinated by Dr. Mrunalini Purandhare included testing, stages of counselling, pre & post test counselling, suicide prevention, nutrition, etc. Methodologies like role play, case presentation, poster making were used to provide information. Evaluations were analysed and submitted to Mumbai District Aids Control Society.



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Dr. Madhuri Chheda, Director, BCUD and Professor and Head of P.G. Department of Hindi; Dr. Sai Deshpande, Lecturer, SNDT College of Arts and SCB College of Commerce & Science College for Women; Mrs. Hema Ranganathan and Mr. D.S. Nathgosavi, Sr. Library Assistant and Mrs. H. D'Costa, Jr. Typist, University Department have retired. We convey our best wishes to all of them for peaceful and purposeful future.



Dr. Harsha Merchant with delegation of teacher meeting HRD Minister, Mr. Kapil Sibbal

Worthy News

- Prof. Chandra Krishnamurthy, Vice-Chancellor, SNDT Women's University delivered Key Note address at International Conference: Inter - University Cooperation Program "Toward Knowledge Networks for the Economy, Society, Culture, Environment and Health for the GMS and Asia-Pacific" on 7 September, 2009 at Kohinoor Continental, Mumbai, India on the topic "Distance Education for Women's Empowerment". Dr. Chandrakant Puri was Programme Commentator; delivered concluding speech on "Resolutions and Agenda for Future Action" Dr. Puri also organized two cultural programmes at the conference. Madam VC and Dr. Puri were felicitated by the President of Chinghai Raja hat University, Thailand.



- Prof. T.J. Mathew's paper "Participatory Evaluation, Accountability and Quality of Performance and Quality Improvement" is accepted for World Conference organised by World Universities Forum (WUF 2010) at Davos, Switzerland during 9-11 Jan 2010.



- The Research work entitled "Isolation and Chemical characterization of Catechin- a polyphenol with potent Antioxidant activity" presented by Miss Yogini Jaiswal and Dr. Mrs. Pratima A. Tatke, a senior Faculty member of C. U. Shah College of Pharmacy has been awarded SECOND PRIZE at The National Level Research Convention, held by Association of Indian Universities (AIU), at Calcutta. The project was awarded a cash prize of Rs.75, 000/- and a memento. This project was screened and selected at the University level, State level and Zonal Level for presentation at the National level. Part of their research work will be carried out at the Utrecht University, Netherlands where Ms. Yogini has been selected as one of the 12 Indian research scholars, for a "Short Stay fellowship Program". This program is fully sponsored by Utrecht University, Netherlands; and its purpose is to further the knowledge and interest in the research that is being carried out by research groups in Utrecht, China and India. Miss Yogini is currently pursuing her Ph. D. under the guidance of Dr. Pratima Tatke at C. U. Shah College of Pharmacy.

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- Dr. H.L. Kaila, Prof. & Head (Psychology), Dept. of PG Studies & Research, published two research papers: "Worst experiences of children in school - a study in Mumbai", Behavioral Scientist, Jan 2009, Vol. 10, No. 1, 81-88 and "Behaviour Based Safety for Accident Prevention in Indian Organizations", India Safe, July 2009, 82-85. He also published 'Review of Indian Schools for Child Development' a chapter (pp 127-136) in Akbar Husain and Noraini Idris (2010) Dimensions of Education, Gyan Publishing House, and New Delhi.
- Jaswandi Wamburkar Utagir-Presented a paper entitled as 'In Search of Identity: Recasting 'Indian' Woman and Social Fiction in Colonial India' at the **International Conference on 'Echoes of the Past Women, History and Memory in Fiction and Film'** at Newcastle University, U.K. held on 26-28 June 2009. She also presented a Paper entitled 'Women's Voices on Women's Issues: A Case Study of the magazine 'Savajeevan' in the 15th Annual Conference on 'Women's Activism: History and Historical Perspectives' held on 4th July 2009 at University of Wales, Newport (Caerleon Campus), United Kingdom. She worked for the Maharashtra State Bureau of Textbook Production and Curriculum Research; Pune (known as Balbharati) in the capacity as the writer for the **History Textbook** of 8th standard in 2008-2009 and the book has been published in June 2009. A paper entitled 'Recasting 'Indian' Woman and Marathi Theatre: A Case Study of Sharada' has been published in the edited book **19th Century Maharashtra: A Reassessment** published by Cambridge Scholars Publishing, New Castle upon Tyne in 2009, pp. 49-57. Her Book Review on Madhav Datar's book **Atharashche Sattavanacha Uthav: Kal ani Aaj** has been published in the Samaj Prabodhan Patrika issue 185, January-March 2009. She presented a paper on 'Women's History: New Paradigms, New Histories' in the National Seminar on 'Many Histories' organized by the Dept. of history at the Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth on 21st of March 2009. Her paper on Itihas, Strivad ani Kalyanche Nishwas has been published in the October-November Diwali Issue of **Parivartanacha Vatasaru** in 2008.
- Prof. Dr. Vibhuti Patel has been appointed as member of Indian Council of Basic Education, Gandhi Shikshan Bhavan, Mumbai and Chief Editor for M.A. in Gender and Development of School of Gender and Development of IGNOU, Delhi for which 27 books will be prepared. Her paper "Globalisation, Women and Work" has been published in a volume an edited volume on Globalisation and The Indian Economy published by New Century Publications. Her Obituary capturing life and work of Dr. Neera Desai, Mother of Women's Studies in India appeared in Economic and Political Weekly, 11-7-09. Her research papers on "Education and Health of Girl Child in Urban India" and "Private higher Education in India" were published in The Urban World, AILSG, Vol. 2 in No. 1, January - March 2009 and No. 3, July-September 2009 respectively.
- Seva Mandal Education Society is first to start the LAW College which is affiliated to SNDT University, Mumbai. Principal of Smt. M.M.P. Shah Women's College of Arts & Commerce Dr. Suman Jain received Rashtriya Ekatamakta Fellowship Award. Mr. Rakesh Singh of the same college received "BEST TEACHER AWARD" from LION's International Distt. 323-A1. EVERY DAY HERO AWARD from LION's Club of Sion.
- Dr. Chandrakant Puri has been appointed as Professor-Cum-Director of Centre for Study of Social Exclusion & Inclusive Policy at SNDT Women's University supported by the University Grants Commission, New Delhi. He took over this new posting on September 1, 2009.
- India International Friendship Society is a well established NGO who is honouring Late Smt. Chandra Ganesh Posthumously who worked as a Dean of Students welfare NSS coordinator, PRO, Director of Centre of youth Development and research; she is going to be honoured with Rashtriya Gaurav Award. It is going to be given during a seminar of economic growth and integration. It is going to be held on 15th September 2009.
- As per the decision of the Joint Board of Vice Chancellors, coordination of preparation of common statutes of all universities in Maharashtra was assigned to the SNDT Women's University. So meeting of registrars of all the universities Maharashtra was conducted in the SNDT Women's University on 30-6-09 by Dr. by Madhu Madan.



Achievements of NSS Cell SNDT Women's University

Ms. Madhavi Balkrishna Gore from Shri. M. D. Shah Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Malad received Best NSS Volunteer Award for the year 2007-08.

● Mega Summer Camp 2009 – 10

Ms. Sheetal Tale from Smt. M. M. P. Shah Women's College, Matunga had attended the Mega Summer Camp at Rajiv Gandhi National Institute for Youth Development, Sriperumbudur from 22nd June, 2009 to 3rd July, 2009. Following 3 NSS Volunteers selected for Pre Republic Day Camp 2009-10 from our University. Ms. Swapnali Kolekar and Ms. Hasti N. Vora from Dr. B. M. N. College of Home Science, Matunga Ms. Karuna Gharat from B. S. U. Mandal's Ambikabai Jadhav Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Vajreshwari.

- The NSS Cell had organized three days training Workshop for NSS Programme Officers and students on Disaster management and Street Play on 23rd, 24th and 25th July, 2009 at Committee Room, Juhu Campus. The main objective was to apprise the Programme Officers of new techniques, methods to be adopted to make NSS work more effective and need based. Nearly 30 NSS Programme officers & 40 NSS students attended this workshop from all over Maharashtra.

Addl. Charge) On 27-7-09, NSS coordinator Prof. Jayashree Vora organised workshop in collaboration with AGNI and Mantralaya, Government of Maharashtra on "Electoral Reforms, Voter Card Facilitation and Right to Information" at Juhu Campus

- The NSS Cell along with Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Santacruz branch had organized Raksha Bandhan Programme for University Staff members at Juhu Campus on 29th July, 2009. Nearly 120 staff members from different departments attended this programme. Street Theatre Competition on the theme "Casting vote is my right and my duty" organised by Department of Student Welfare under the leadership of its Dean, Prof. Nilufer Ahmed received enthusiastic response from students and teacher.

Achievements of Department of Student Welfare & Sports

- Ms. Apurva Surve, student of T.Y.H.Sc. (Food and Nutrition), S.V.T. College Of Home Science (autonomous), S.N.D.T. Women's University, Juhu, Mumbai – 400 049 received prestigious "Shiv Chatrapati State Sports Award" For Sports – Rope / Pole Malkhamb".



- Ms. Shruti Kothari, student from SNDT Women's University, studying in T.Y.B.A. at SNDT College of Arts and S.C.B. College of Commerce and Science for Women won gold medal in 10th elite (senior) Women's Maharashtra State Boxing Championship 2009-10 in Nagpur. Shruti is Champion of Lt. Welter Wt. Cat. (in

between 57 to 60 kgs.) . She has also been selected as 'most promising boxer of the tournament'. Now going to represent Maharashtra state team for Sr. Women's National Boxing Championship. SNDT family congratulates Madam Linda Dennis, Assistant Director, Physical Education and Shruti's coach Shri Ravikant Kale for their efforts.

Passed Away

- Mr.Nana Narvekar who worked at University Department of finance and retired during late seventies passed away. He was the Founder of the SNDT Employees' Union and supported all the causes of staff welfare. ● Mr. Dattatraya Sawant, Watchman of Pune Campus passed away on 6th July, 09. We express our heartfelt condolences to his bereaved family. ● Mr. Ravindra Raghunath Pujare from Grant Section passed away on 16-9-09. ● Shri Ramesh Gaikwad, employee of SVT College of Home Science, Juhu Campus passed away due to massive heart attack on 6-10-09.

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S.N.D.T YUVA MAHOTSAV -2009

S.N.D.T. Yuva Mahotsav, an Inter Collegiate Cultural Youth Festival is a yearly feature, organized by the Department of Students' Welfare, S.N.D.T. Women's University from the year 1975 onwards. This year, out of 214 colleges only 2350 students from 55 colleges participated due to various reasons such as swine flu teachers strike, late admission etc. The aim of Yuva Mahotsav is to create awareness and pride amongst the youth to recognize and appreciate our rich cultural heritage by promoting National Integration. This festival highlights the traditional folk art of our country and we create awareness amongst our youth to appreciate folk art and to respect and preserve it.

Through the medium of performing arts & fine arts a sense of participation and social belonging is nurtured in young minds for harnessing the power of art for sensitizing the student community about current social and national issues through literary events. As the colleges have increased manifold we have introduced Regional Youth Festivals region-wise at Mumbai, Maharashtra, & Gujarat.

Newsline Committee : Chairperson : Dr. Chandra Krishnamurthy, Convener : Dr. Madhu Madan
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- 1) For Gujarat Colleges - 29th & 30th August 2009 at Shree Swaminarayan Physiotherapy College, Kadodara
- 2) For Mumbai colleges - 8th & 9th September 2009 at B.M.N. College of Home Science, Matunga.
- 3) For Maharashtra colleges - 19th & 20th September 2009 at C.B. Shah College, Sangli
- 4) Grand Finale - 24th & 25th September 2009 at Patkar Hall, S.N.D.T. Women's University, Churchgate,

This mega event was inaugurated by Mr. Jaganath Rao Hegde, the ex-sheriff of Mumbai on 24th September. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Chandra Krishnamurthy presided over the function. Dr. Madhu Madan, Registrar, S.N.D.T. Women's University presented the welcome address. This joyful carnival gave the students a platform to showcase their talents in various fields like theatre, dance, and music, literary and fine arts. SNDT NEWSLINE would like to give you all a glimpse of the festivities involved in this grand finale

Firstly, 3 regional Youth festivals were held in Surat, Mumbai and Sangli and around 700 winners from all these regions then participated in this grand finale from all over Maharashtra and Gujarat. Sangli festival was inaugurated by Dr. Madhu Madan, Registrar, SNDT Women's University, Mumbai.

There were in all 27 events, starting with the Literary Field. For debate the topic was "Should husband and wife be of same profession or different?" Few girls thought that they should be of same profession as they will have a better understanding of their professional needs and environment while few others thought the opposite as there may be ego clashes between them. The topic for elocution was "Earth can satisfy our need but not our greed". All the participants were completely convinced with this view of Mahatma Gandhi and they also suggested solutions to use the precious earth resources effectively and efficiently. The topic for poetry was "Life is a river". As the river moves on even if it faces so many hurdles in the same way life goes on. The topic for essay writing was "Terrorism affecting India and ways to combat it". The participants beautifully expressed their thoughts showcasing their writing skills to this current problem faced by the world and also suggested ways to fight it.

The next was the Fine Art Field. There were 7 events in that. The events and their topic given



were:-

1. Poster Making-Natural Calamities
2. On the spot painting-Terrorism
3. Cartooning-Politics
4. Collage-Dream City
5. Clay Modeling-Fashion
6. Rangoli -Indian Culture/Tradition
7. Installation-Mumbai

All the participants depicted all these current topics beautifully in their vibrant colors.



Then in the Music Field, there were 8 events. They

were:-

1. Classical Vocal Solo
2. Semi-Classical Vocal Solo
3. Western Vocal Solo
4. Western Group Song
5. Light Vocal (Indian)
6. Indian Group Song
7. Classical Instrumental (Non-percussion)
8. Classical Instrumental (Percussion)

Participants in the Music field showed a nice mixed blend of both western and Indian songs.

The next was the Dance field. It had 2 events in it. They were:-

1. Classical dance solo
2. Folk/Tribal dance

These dances showed our varied Indian cultures, traditions and customs very colorfully and beautifully.

The last field was the Theatre Field. It had 4 events namely,

1. One Act Play
2. Skit
3. Mime
4. Mimicry

The participants got a chance to showcase their acting skills. Mostly the topic for the theatre events were concerned with the current affairs and the problems faced by our country and the world in comic way and also suggested remedies through their acts.

The 2-day mega events came to an end with a high note with Fashion Shows. Shri Subal Sarkar, Eminent Choreographer was the Chief Guest for the Valedictory function.

There was fashion show from B.M.N College, Matunga where the SNDT girls walked the ramp with their own unique creations and the other was for Miss India Contest. The Fashion Show added the oomph factor to this Youth festival.

FEMINA MISS INDIA

Under the event of Fashion Show which were held on 25th August 2009 in Yuva Mahotsav, an Inter Collegiate University Festival, the Times of India Group i.e. the organizers of Femina Miss India Pageant team, had come. They wanted to select girls from the University for direct entry to the regional round of Femina Miss India Pageant. A



platform was set for the students to walk down the ramp for the event by the Department of Students' Welfare. After an audition by Dean Ma'am Prof. Nilufer K. Ahmed around about 20 girls were selected and were provided special grooming classes in S.N.D.T. Juhu Campus. The girls were groomed by Rashmi Verma, Rajvinder Kundan and Savita Nanal from Polytechnic for a week time. These contestants had to present themselves with grace and poise and also answer the intellectual round. The following three of our girls got selected for the Femina Miss India Contest (regional round).

1. Ms.Kareena Patil, (2) Ms.Shika Gokarn (3) Ns.Tiffany J.Parker

The Grand Finale S.N.D.T. Yuva Mahotsav came to an end with a proud sndtiets directly elected for a Femina Miss India contest (regional round). Thus a podium was set forth for students to showcase their talent in a positive manner.

Student Achievers: Student Welfare Department & Sports Department

Ms. Soni Tripathi, a student of T.Y. B. Com., SNDT College of Arts and SCB college of Commerce received consolation prize for her essay "Breaking Gender Stereotypes" in Laadli festival of Population First, Mumbai.



Ms. DIVYA CLAIR PINTO won GOLD MEDAL in the 8th Youth Girls Maharashtra State Boxing Championships, 2009-10 and for the first time team championship SHIELD for Mumbai district. She and Noshe will represent MAHARASHTRA STATE for 4th YOUTH NATIONALS which will be held at MIZORAM during 7-10 December, 2009.



Ms. Shanti Pandey (M.Com.) and Ms. Priyanka Lad (TYBA) won II prize in National Level Yoga Competition organized by Women Yoga Federation of India on 11-13 Dec. 09 at Chennai.

Ms. Pallavi got I place in an intercollegiate Kabbadi competition held by SNDT Women's University received 4th award for Kabbadi at State Level competition.

Events

On 26-11-09, 11 a.m. all teachers, non-teaching staff and students attended the memorial service to express solidarity to victims and heroes of 26/11 at Quadrangle, Churchgate Campus, and Mumbai-20. Dr. Madhu Madan, Dr. B. B. Pradhan, Prof. Vibhuti Patel, Shri Kolage, Shri B.S. Kadam, Arpita, DeepanthyFarhan, Forzet Bukhari addressed the gathering with passionate speeches and exhorted one and all to work for sovereignty of the country and for promotion of peace and justice in our society. Prof. Ashok Jain, Prof. Margarette Fernandes, Prof. Neera Grover and Dr. Sunil Katti and students of Music department worked hard for making the programme a grand success. After offering candle light service, bhajans were sung by students of UG and PG Department of Music.



- PGSR organised the program on Breast Cancer Awareness on Friday October 30, 09 at the Churchgate Campus. Dr. Ashwini Gandhi, a Consultant Gynecologist at P.D. Hinduja National Hospital & Medical Research Centre, Mumbai. Almitra Kika, Programme Officer and Dr. Lynne Gadowski Deputy Director of The American Centre were guests of honour of the programme. Over 200 students, teachers and staff who attended the event found the lecture and discussion very useful. They were falicitated by Dr. Ruby Ojha, Dr. Manisha Rao, Dr. Prabha Ravishankar, Mrs. Ambedkar, Student Council Member Ms. Sakshi Goyal (Economics) and General Secretary, Ms. Ankita Barua.



- On 23-10-09, Dr. Malashe Research Centre, PG Department of Marathi and University Library organized a lecture by Mr. Praveen Chavan on socio-historical analysis of a rare book, a Novel titled " Dhaddhashastri Paranne" by Mukundrao Patil, first published in 1927 and recently reprinted by Lokvangmaya Griha in2009. Prof. Pushpa Bhave chaired the Dr. Malashe Memorial lecture.



- SNDT College of Home Science, Pune, under the leadership of Dr. B. B. Pradhan, Principal organized a 3 day seminar to commemorate Food Security Day during October 28-30, 2009. In her inaugural speech, the Chief Guest Dr. Madhu Madan, Registrar averred, "Famine is not caused by lack of food grain. It is caused by lack of purchasing power. Government is taking action on two fronts- by Strengthening PDS and by promoting NAREGA so that the next generation does not go hungry. At a micro-level mid day meals are providing food security to the poverty groups. Maharshi Karve's motto, Empowerment of Women and Mahatma Gandhi's statement Let us wipe tears from every eye are our guiding principles. Hence let us take pledge to ensure food security thro' empowerment of women."
- PG Department of Guidance and Counseling and PATH, Mumbai organized a workshop on Counseling from October, 09 to December, 09.
- Ms. Chaitra Redkar (I/c Head Post Graduate Department of Political Science) organized a talk of well known anti – civilization activist and primitivist philosopher John Zerzan on on "Nomadic Heritage of South Asia: Only Way Out for Our Social Regeneration" on 26th November 2009 in the committee room. Dr. Vibhuti Patel (Director – Dept. of PGSR) chaired the programme. Students, faculty members and activists participated in the programme and interacted with Prof. John Zerzan.
- On 24-11-09, PGSR had organized a workshop on "Coping with Trauma" and Interaction with Dr. Edit Schlaffer, President of International Non-Government Organisation, Women without Border. Prof. Mrunalini Purandhare welcomed the delegates and offered flowers. The programme started with a short film on Profile of Terror attacks in India. It was followed by discussion and inputs from the participants. Another film was shown on "Terrorism: The Global Scenario". The discussion that followed primarily focused on role of youth in tackling terrorism with special emphasis on women. Prof. Anita Sanoo proposed Vote of thanks.



- Dr. Krishna Upadhyaya, Head of The department of Psychology of Smt. P.N Doshi College of Arts for Women, Ghatkopar, invited Dr. Edit Schlaffer, Founder & Chairperson of Sisters against Violent Extremism (SAVE) which seeks to engage women in the process of combating violent extremism. The session was conducted for 95 undergraduate students on 25th September 2009. The session aimed to sensitize and mobilize students to fight against terrorism. The session started with a documentary, Journey through Darkness and Surviving Terror by Archana Kapoor. This was followed by a discussion in which the students shared their experiences with terror and suggested how women can play a role in countering this global issue of terrorism.

- Souvenir to celebrate completion of 75 years of SNDT College of Arts and SC College of Commerce and Science, Platinum Jubilee publication under the leadership of its principal, Dr. B. B. Pradhan was released by Hon. Vice Chancellor Prof. Chandra Krishnamurthy at the grand finale of Yuva Mahotsav, 2009.



- National Youth Convention on Reservation for Excluded Communities was organised by Centre for Study of Social Exclusion & Inclusive Policy, SNDT Women's University & YUVA (Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action) on Saturday, December 5, 2009 at 10.00 a.m. at Mini Auditorium of SNDT Women's University, Juhu Campus, Mumbai-49. Prof. Bhalchandra Mungekar, President of Indian Institute of Advanced Study & Chairman of its Governing Body inaugurated the convention and delivered the key note address. Prof. Chandra Krishnamurthy, Vice-Chancellor of SNDT Women's University presided over the function. The Valedictory Function of the convention on Sunday, December 6, 2009 at 1.30 p.m. was graced by the Chief Guest, Shri Balkrishna Renke, Chairperson, National Commission on DT/NT, New Delhi and released a book entitled "Development of Primitive Tribes in India –An Impact Assessment of Development Initiatives" authored by Dr. Chandrakant Puri, Professor-Cum-Director, CSSEIP, SNDT WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY.

- Delegation of 16 members of Industrial Development Corporation from Johannesburg, South Africa visited SNDT Women's University, Churchgate Campus on 9-12-09 and had a lively discussion on challenges for women in the 21st university. Madam VC, Director BCUD, Registrar, Director PGSR, Heads of PG Departments had a fruitful interactive session on issues faced by women in higher education, justification for women's university, entrepreneurship development and hurdles.

- SVT College of Home Science organised International Conference on Ageing.

- W.K.B.S. Madal's Dr. Suryakant R. Ajmera, M.C.A. College for women's Dhule organised one day workshop on 'Trends and opportunities in Emerging TI on 21/12/2009.



Worthy news

- Prof. Dr. Chandra Krishnamurthy chaired the opening ceremony of the 8th International Women Playwrights Conference, organized under the joint auspices of the Stree Mukti Sanghatana and the Academy of Theatre Arts, University of Mumbai held on 1 November 2009 at the Marathi Bhasha Bhavan on the Vidyanagari campus of the University of Mumbai. Celebrated artiste Ms. Shabana Azmi inaugurated this Conference. The Chief Guest at the inauguration was Ms. Anna Kay, founder member of Women Playwrights International and 80 delegates from 20 countries across the world and 200 Indian participants (women directors, writers and other artistes who have contributed to the field of theatre, as well as discerning viewers) made the Conference a grand success.



- Prof. Vibhuti Patel wrote base paper for recently published Mumbai Human Development Report released by Municipal Corporation of greater Mumbai on 30-10-09. Her article "Private Higher Education in India – Changing Scenario" appeared in a peer reviewed journal International Journal of Education Economics and Development (IJEED), Volume 1, Issue 1, 2009, pp. 36-46. She was a Chief guest on the occasion released the book-'Unpackaging Human Rights - Concepts, Campaigns and Concerns' on 31-10-09 at St. Xaviers College, Mumbai and spoke about the publication, shared her experiences on human rights , and touched upon some important human rights issues today This was followed by a talk by the contributors of chapters in the book which included- Advocate Saumya Uma Co Director WRAG, Adv Shweta Shalini coordinator Human Rights Watch cell DRTC, Adv Kamayani Mahabal Human Rights lawyer and activist, Prof Anthony Kunnath associated with Bhawans college until recently , Ms Bella Das social worker and Hon Sec of MIHRE.



- Dr. Mira K Desai, Reader University Dept of Extension Education, DPGSR in Home Science presented paper "Women, Individual self and Digital Media: Changes and Challenges" at 18th AMIC Annual Conference "Media, Democracy and Governance: Emerging Paradigms in a Digital Age", July 13 – 16, 2009, New Delhi, India. Her book Mira Desai and Binod C Agrawal "Television and cultural change: An analysis of transnational television in India" (2009) was released at AMIC conference in the plenary panel on 'international perspectives on media research' on 16th July 2009. Mira also presented paper "MEDIA/JOURNALISM EDUCATION: Emerging Questions" at IGNOU-UNESCO national symposium at New Delhi on 20-21 November 2009.

- SNDT Women's University has been endowed with grant of Rs. 5.5 crores by The Specified Undertaking of the Unit Trust of India (SUUTI) to establish Centre for Empowerment of Women through Financial Inclusion and SUUTI Chair on "Financial Inclusion for Empowerment of Women in Rural and Backward Sections of the Society". Chairperson of the Centre is Prof. Chandra Krishnamurthy and its Director is Prof. Vibhuti Patel. Dr. Ruby Ojha is a Core Group Member. Advisory Board of the Centre is composed of Prof. Sumati Kulkari (NFHS-IIPS), Prof. Sulabha Parasuraman (IIPS), Prof. Sangita Kamdar (NMIMS), Prof. Srijit Mishra (IGIDR) and Ms. Kalpana Das.

- Dr. Jagmeet Madan received the Ramnathan Prize for best oral presentation in the 41st National conference of Nutrition Society of India on 21/11/2009. Her paper was on "Childhood Obesity in India".

CONGRATULATIONS !!!

SNDT Women's University family congratulates Dr. B. B. Pradhan for his appointment as Director, Board of Colleges and University Development (BCUD) of SNDT Women' University, Mumbai.

